



MT. HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Commissioner's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission

RE: MB Docket No. 04-207 A la Carte Inquiry

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission, a multi-jurisdictional Commission that advocates for and protects the public interest in the regulation and development of cable communications systems and monitors and helps resolve cable subscribers' concerns.

The Commission believes that consumers want a level of low cost basic service that includes all of the broadcast stations, the local public, educational and governmental (PEG) access channels and a variety of low cost or free channels. This kind of programming package has served the public interest over the past decades and should continue. PEG programming has continued to expose the local citizens to a variety of local content that enhances the knowledge of the citizenry to issues facing their community. This form of grassroots information is becoming increasingly important in today's world. Every subscriber must be able to receive PEG channels in a basic programming package.

Given the historical importance of PEG programming, and the continuing support by localities around the country, any la carte methodology should, at a minimum, offer the option of receiving PEG channels in every cable package. Finally, providing options that allow a subscriber the possibility of reducing his or her monthly cable bill while continuing to be able to obtain essential local programming is worthy of some level of consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our viewpoint.

Sincerely,

R. C. Goheen, Chair

cc MHCRC